



Media Release

Atlantic Veterinary College at UPEI

Dr. Basil and Joy Ikede create award in diagnostic veterinary sciences for AVC graduate students

CHARLOTTETOWN, Prince Edward Island (June 27, 2008) - Graduate students attending the Atlantic Veterinary College (AVC) at the University of Prince Edward Island (UPEI) now have another scholarship to apply for, thanks to retiring AVC professor Dr. Basil Ikede and his wife, Joy Ikede.

Dr. Ikede and Joy Ikede recently established the Dr. Basil Ikede Award in Diagnostic Veterinary Sciences. Their donation will create an endowed fund that will provide a scholarship on an annual basis in perpetuity, starting in 2009. The award will be presented to an AVC graduate student enrolled in the first or second year of the Master of Veterinary Science (MVSc) program to assist with travel to present his or her research or diagnostic findings at a scientific or professional meeting.

Dr. Ikede came with his family to Prince Edward Island, from Nigeria, West Africa, in 1989, at which time he became professor of pathology at AVC. He received his doctor of veterinary medicine (DVM) degree from the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria, in 1967; a diploma in diagnostic pathology from the Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph, in 1971; and his PhD in veterinary pathology from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria, in 1972.

Dr. Ikede taught veterinary pathology at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Ibadan for over 20 years, and was Professor and Head of the Department of Veterinary Pathology (1979-1987) before coming to UPEI. At AVC, he was elected twice as Chair of the Department of Pathology & Microbiology from 2000 to 2006. During this time, Dr. Ikede was instrumental in initiating the Masters of Veterinary Science (MVSc) graduate program.

"Dr. Ikede's contributions to education, veterinary medicine, and students span the globe and a life time " says Dr. Tim Ogilvie, Dean of the Atlantic Veterinary College at UPEI. "During his time with AVC, Dr. Ikede has played a strong role in further developing our graduate program and evolving our Diagnostic Services expertise. The development of the Dr. Basil Ikede Award in Diagnostic Veterinary Sciences is a generous and lasting demonstration of Dr. Basil and Joy Ikede's commitment to improving our world through education."

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Dr. Ikede retires from AVC on June 30, 2008. Joy Ikede, a fiction writer and formerly a Classics teacher, holds a Master's degree in classics from the University of Ibadan, and is currently the International Student Advisor at UPEI.

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